

Many years ago Connecticut had multiple toll booths up and down Route I-95. One day there was a deadly truck crash at one of the tolls and very quickly the panic stricken public and government sped into action to yank all the tolls off the highways in name of public safety and to encourage commerce. The speed of that action was much akin to the panic stricken actions that prompted the unconstitutional 2013 passage of SB1160.

Here are my own objections to reinstating tolls:

1. Cost of implementation and maintenance over the life of the tolls.
2. Safety of motorists and passengers over the life of the tolls.
3. Introduction of tolls would add significantly to the ongoing congestion and disrepair issues inherent to the I-95 corridor. It is already a nightmare for travelers.
4. Discriminatory nature of tolls, as they would burden all CT taxpayers to install them.
5. Further discrimination caused by tolls, in essence an extra job tax, in that the tolls would discourage Connecticut residents from working outside this job starved state, hence further reducing income to CT.
6. IF tolls were to be installed, they should include sufficient safety features, like those just South of Concord, NH, AND they MUST include zero-stop fast lanes for EZ-PASS users.
7. IF tolls were to be built, bona fide CT resident EZ-Pass users MUST receive a significant discount when using tolls, as CT residents will already have paid taxes to construct said tolls. (This assumes that most CT resident commuters would be using EZ-Pass instead of being cash customers, and that CT resident commuters would be the ones most frequently affected by the tolls, as opposed to the occasional CT resident cash customer.)
8. The cost of doing business is already too high, in Connecticut, and there are already too many restrictive and redundant laws. This is NOT a business-friendly State. Tolls will only serve to slow commerce and increase its cost, thus further discouraging business from coming here.

I authorize you to vote “NO” with regard to reintroducing tolls to any of Connecticut’s highways.

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Hope in Salvation: <http://www.godssimpleplan.org/gsp.html>  
Respect for History: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVz\\_j0DzuEk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVz_j0DzuEk)  
Voice In The Wilderness: [www.craigszwed.blogspot.com](http://www.craigszwed.blogspot.com)  
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**Real courage, in all things great or small, is nothing more, or less,  
than simply doing what is right, in spite of feelings, personal interests,  
or circumstances. (Craig M. Szwed, 2013)**